IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Assistant Commissioner for Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir:

Atty Dkt.: 1035-243

Date: January 19, 2000

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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: Shigeyuki SASAKI

Entitled: MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR A

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

and including attachments as noted below:

Declaration, Abstract 

pages of specification and claims (including 19 numbered claims), and 72

17 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

 $[\cdot]$ Record & return the attached assignment to the undersigned.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following foreign applications, the entire content of which

is hereby incorporated by reference in this application:

**Application Number** 

Country 11-28657 Japan

, respectively.

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached...

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line -- This is a of PCT application

, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application .--

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 120/365 based on the following prior PCT applications designating the U.S.,

the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application:

This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s): 

Application No.

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respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby

claimed therefrom.

**Application Number** 

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S.

Provisional Application No.

application. Verified Statement attached establishing "small entity" status (Rules 9 & 27)

, filed

The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or Examiner for

the reasons stated therein.

Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee below.

Also attached: Submission of Priority Document

FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED

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Basic Filing Fee							S	690.00
Total effective claims	19	- 20 (at least 20) =	0	x \$	18.00		\$	0.00
Independent claims	1	- 3 (at least 3) =	0	x \$	78.00		\$	0.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$260.00 (ignore improper)								0.00
						SUBTOTAL	. \$	690.00
If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract								0.00)
						SECOND SUBTOTAL	. \$	690.00
Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00)							\$	40.00
						TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED	) \$	730.00

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any <u>deficiency</u> in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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By Atty: H. Warren Burnam, Jr., Reg. No. 29,366

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